

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
October 10, 2014

Dates to Remember:

October 14, 2014	Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board
October 16, 2014	Golf Course Advisory Board
October 16, 2014	City Commission Workshop
October 20, 2014	City Commission Meeting
October 25, 2014	Fall Festival – Sugar Festival Field

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Discussion of the comp plan and water supply plan at the Oct. 6th Planning & Zoning meeting led to the members continuing until Nov. 3rd to give ample time to review and understand the amendments. All five (5) board members have agreed to continue to serve on this board. They are: Lewell Hughes as Chairman, Haitham Kaki as Secretary, Vic McCorvey, Donnie Hughes and Michael Atkinson;
- On October 7th, there was a meeting of the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee who discussed a 2010 project CRA list and voted to update and submit a fresh list after their next meeting in January 2015. Amy McKown (Chair) has submitted her resignation so there are now two (2) openings on this citizen board. They are: Barbara Edmonds as Vice Chair, Sarah Hammock, Scott Jones, Karl Larsen and Luis Vallejo.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The Family Literacy program started on Monday, October 6, 2014. We had 26 registered children and several others came with parents who heard about the program. As of today we have 31 students registered and had to split the group in 2 to accommodate them all in the computer lab. They are pursuing the Lexia reading program which was donated to us. This program normally costs a whopping \$109.00 per seat (or child) but we were fortunate enough to be the beneficiary of a grant from the Family Literacy Center, a non-profit. Classes will continue 4 evenings a week and will offer homework help as well as tutoring in Reading, with resources for assisting in Math improvement. Classes for adults needing help with English as a second language will be coming soon.
- Our lab is now ready for the Microsoft IT Academy. All that's left for us to do is get our suggested price range approved and then we will be good to go.
- Our daycare/preschool story time program kicked off with a big bang!! As a result of this program 38 preschoolers are now signed up for the preschool early literacy program through the Lexia Learning program. The daycare/preschool personnel couldn't be happier. Their students who were before not afforded computer access during school time now are using the library's computer lab for reading. Each child was also signed up for a library card and the

teachers have been helping them to select books from our collection. We are totally excited about this.

- We are again looking into the possibility of acquiring a subscription to e-books. Keep listening and visit your library and see your tax dollars at work for you.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- An alert Patrol Officer noticed four suspicious people in Trinidad Park after 11 pm. As he spoke with them, he determined the three girls were all juveniles in the company of a non-relative adult male. A cursory pat down of the male revealed a concealed semi-automatic handgun which was loaded. Parents of juveniles were contacted to come pick them up. The adult male was arrested for possession of a concealed firearm.
- Tuesday afternoon we had reports of a couple of burglaries. In one instance a wallet was missing, in another TV's were taken.
- Magistrate hearings are set for next Wednesday.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 992** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 511** Complaints Investigated
 - 17** Arrests Made
 - 19** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 26** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 13** City Ordinance Violations
 - 36** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 71** Merchant Escorts
 - 21** Alarms Responded To
 - 7** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: City trap counts as follow: Okeechobee Blvd. 0; Sports Complex 0; Harlem Community 200; Golf Course 75, Berner Rd. 150. Next scheduled spray: Ground Truck ULV – October 1st & 3rd. Next air application October 15th & 30th
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff cleaned storm drains. (2) Cleared rights-of-way
- Senior Hall Renovations: (1) The new ceiling has been installed. (2) The new front door and hardware has been installed.
- Mowing contract 2015: As of this week four local mowing contractors have picked up a bid packet. Sean has had contact with two more companies inquiring into the packet, but no packet picked up as of yet.
- Mosquito Contract 2015: As of this week no one has picked up a bid packet. The current contractor has been notified. Pre bid meeting on the 14th.
- 2015 Paving project: Projected start, end of November or first of December.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The Senior Citizen Building is getting a few last minute touch-ups and punch list items taken care of this week and next in anticipation for our "GRAND OPENING" on Oct. 21st from 10 am – 1pm for the community hosted by Hope Connections. And the City of Clewiston will be hosting a Chamber Social the same day beginning at 5:30pm. Hope to see you there!
- John Boy Auditorium Northside A/C is being replaced by McDuffie.

- The A/C on the Northside of the Beardsley Room began being replaced last week. We saved almost \$2,400.00 by installing the unit in-house.
- AYSO Continues into their 2nd week of practice and games.
- The CHS Girls and Boys Soccer try-out began this week and will continue through next week. Please check our Fb page for game schedules and times.
- Thanks to Mike Cox and his electric crew for the help in resolving some lighting issues at Sugarland Sports Complex. No telling what the guys have saved us in maint/service calls this year?! They are a GREAT asset and it is very comforting to know they are there!
- The Clewiston Recreation Department staff are putting the final plans together for the 2014 "Kid's Fall Festival" scheduled for Oct. 25th from 4-8pm at the Sugar Festival Field. Contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492 if you are interested in participating and having a booth.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Department Director Williams reports:

- The Electric Crew is continuing their pole change out program and also removing old poles no longer in service. They have also been repairing street lights.
- The Water Crew is repairing a valve on Georgia Avenue this week. A vacuum truck will be here for 2 days to clean liftstations.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders. You can register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>.